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SUBJECT: TOLBERT WARNING ON POTENTIAL VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: MONROVIA 1430 (NOTAL)

1. GOL PRESS SERVICE ISSUED RELEASE MARCH 2 REPORTING THAT PRES-IDENT TOLBERT HAD CALLED IN BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS AND QTE HAD EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WARNED THAT UNLESS SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER AND RHODESIAN REBEL LEADER IAN SMITH STOPPED THEIR INTRAN-SIGENCE, BLOODY CONFLICT BETWEEN BLACK MAJORITY AND WHITE MINORITY WOULD SOON ERUPT UNQTE. RELEASE REPORTED THAT TOLBERT HAD ASKED THE AMBASSADORS INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS OF HIS CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE IN THE LIGHT OF "NEW REALI-TIES" OCCASIONED BY EVENTS IN ANGOLA. TOLBERT WAS REPORTED AS HAVING CALLED UPON UKG, FRG AND GOF TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON VORSTER TO WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY FROM NAMIBIA.

2. MARCH 2 LIBERIAN STAR AND LIBERIAN AGE BOTH CARRIED THE STORY, INDICATING TOLBERT HAD SPOKEN SEPARATELY WITH EACH
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AMBASSADOR. (NEWS RELEASE DID NOT SPEAK TO THIS POINT.)

3. COMMENT. THIS IS CONSONANT WITH THE ACTION I WAS TOLD
WOULD BE TAKEN DURING MY FEBRUARY 20 MEETING WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER DENNIS AND MY FEBRUARY 26 MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.
I WOULD ASSUME PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION TO UK, FRG, GOF AMBASSA-
DORS WAS SIMILAR TO THE ONE MADE TO ME ON FEBRUARY 26 AND RE-
PORTED REFTEL. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE GOL CHOSE
NOT TO REVEAL, AT LEAST PUBLICLY, THAT SIMILAR MESSAGE HAD BEEN
DELIVERED TO USG SEVERAL DAYS AGO. THE USG WAS NOT MENTIONED
IN THE MARCH 2 RELEASE AND MY FEBRUARY 26 CALL ON PRESIDENT
HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE MEDIA. PERHAPS OUR "SPECIAL
RELATIONSHIP" DOES HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES FOR USG. END COMMENT.
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